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In re Application of: Yamamoto, et al.
Serial No.: 09/600,931
Confirmation No.: Unassigned
Filed: July 21, 2000
For: DAMASCENE INTERCONNECTION AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL	* 12	MINUS	** 20	= 0
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 9=	\$
x 40=	\$
x 135=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 18=	\$
x 80=	\$
x 270=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OR

☐ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

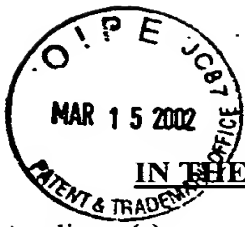
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 9, 2001, a reply to which is due March 9, 2002 with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 8 by rewriting the same as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device, comprising:
- a semiconductor substrate;
 - an insulating film formed on said semiconductor substrate;
 - an interconnection trench formed on said insulating film and communicating with a semiconductor element;
 - a pad trench formed on said insulating film and communicating with said interconnection trench;
 - a protrusion formed by a portion [of] not removed of said insulating film in said pad trench and reducing a substantial opening area of said pad trench;
 - a conductive film buried in said interconnection trench and said pad trench;

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